GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Office of the Inspector General

Inspector General



May 18, 2005

The Honorable Anthony A. Williams Mayor District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 600 Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2nd Floor, Suite 221 Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

Dear Mayor Williams:

This report is to inform you of the results of an investigation that was conducted by Special Agent James Glymph, District of Columbia Office of the Inspector General, and Special Agent Michael Gray, United States Department of Labor, concerning Eddie S. Douglas, a resident of the District of Columbia, and the Department of Employment Services (DOES).

The investigation revealed that between February 1999 and May 2001, Douglas fraudulently received approximately \$10,378 in Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits by falsely certifying on the DOES mail-in claim cards that she was unemployed for various times during that period. Douglas used the U.S. Mail to return the mail-in claim cards and to receive the UI benefit checks.

On February 28, 2005, pursuant to an arrest warrant issued by the District of Columbia Superior Court, Douglas surrendered to authorities and was processed at the Metropolitan Police Department Headquarters, 300 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

On April 8, 2005, Douglas entered a guilty plea to one count of First Degree Fraud in violation of 22 D.C. Code §§ 3221 and 3222(b)(2). The Honorable Judge Lynn Leibovitz, District of Columbia Superior Court, sentenced Douglas to 180 days confinement (suspended), 4 years probation, and a restitution payment of \$5,201.

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If you need additional information, please contact me or Robert G. Andary, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, on (202) 727-1039.

Sincerely,

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